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KINGSTEIGNTON ROAD

NEWTON ABBOT.

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NEWTON ABBOT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT - 1957

Mr Chairman and Councillors,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my report for the year ended the 31st. December, 1957.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	4,153
Population Mid 1957	17,140
Population 1951 Census	16,393
Rateable Value as at 1st. January, 1957	£267,726
Rateable Value as at 31st. December, 1957	£249,885
Product of 1d. rate as at 1st. April, 1957	£ 1,092

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	116	105	221
Illegitimate	10	4	14
	126	109	235

Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	13.71
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	13.98
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	13.36
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	15.23
Live Birth rate per 1000 total population England and Wales	16.1

STILL BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Still Birth rate per 1000 total population			0.12
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births			8.44
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			22.5

DEATHS

The average age at death, from all causes, was found to be 69.43 years. It is of interest to note that the average age of all male deaths was 66.49 years and for female deaths 72.56 years.

	Male	Female	Total
	109	101	210
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population			12.25
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population			10.17
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			14.02
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			10.79
Death rate per 1000 total population England and Wales			11.5

Infant Mortality

(Death of Infants under One year)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Infant Mortality rate (Death of Infants under One year) per 1000 related live births			17.02
Infant Mortality rate England and Wales			23.1

DEATHS (continued)

Neo-Natal Mortality

(Death of Infants under Four weeks)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neo-Natal Mortality rate (Death of Infants under Four weeks)
per 1000 related live births 8.51

Neo-Natal Mortality rate England and Wales 16.5

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in the Newton Abbot Urban District during 1957. Five maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

AGE AT DEATH

	Male	Female
Infants under Four weeks	1	1
Infants under One year	1	1
1 -	-	-
5 -	3	-
15 -	1	-
25 -	2	3
45 -	31	18
65 -	36	24
75 and over	34	54
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Total: 210

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
All causes	109	101
Tuberculosis, respiratory	3	-
Tuberculosis, other	1	-
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carried forward	4	-

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CAUSES OF DEATH (continued)

	Male	Female
brought forward	4	-
Syphilitic disease	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast,	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	11	8
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	11	18
Coronary disease, angina	24	8
Hypertension with heart disease	3	7
Other heart disease	13	21
Other circulatory disease	3	5
Influenza	-	2
Pneumonia	2	4
Bronchitis	6	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	5	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	3
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Congenital malformations	-	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	9
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	-	1
Suicide	5	-
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Total: 210

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
Scarlet Fever	2	6	8
Whooping Cough	35	37	72
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	-	1
Measles	340	328	668
Dysentery	2	-	2
Pneumonia	5	5	10
Erysipelas	-	2	2
Puerperal pyrexia	-	1	1
	<hr/> 385 <hr/>	<hr/> 379 <hr/>	<hr/> 764 <hr/>

Total: 764

TUBERCULOSIS

Seven cases of pulmonary and three cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified in Newton Abbot during 1957. Details are set out in the following table:-

<u>AGE PERIODS</u>		<u>CASES</u>			
		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
		M	F	M	F
Under five years		—	—	—	—
5	— 14	—	—	1	1
15	— 24	1	1	—	—
25	— 44	1	1	—	1
45	— 64	1	—	—	—
65	and over	2	—	—	—
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		5	2	1	2

Total: 10

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

Official action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 was necessary in two cases during 1957.

W. Davis

Medical Officer of Health

March, 1960

NEWTON ABBOT
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT
of
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

1957

STAFF:

Chief Public Health Inspector
C.E.Pethick, F.A.P.H.I.,
Additional Public Health Inspector
J.A.McPherson, F.A.P.H.I.
Clerk
G.J.Ingram.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mr Chairman and Councillors,

I submit herewith report for the year ending 31st December 1957.

During the year consideration was given to the next stage in dealing with sub standard dwellings and action under the Housing Act was taken to make possible the demolition of properties in Wolborough Street, Salem Place, Edwards Cottage Back Road, Halcyon Road, East Street and Wain Lane.

Refuse Disposal continued at the rear of Forde Road and in connection with refuse collection a change was made to diesel engine propulsion for a refuse lorry and a break was made with the principle of purchase of vehicles by means of loan, the diesel lorry being purchased out of a transport fund, allocated from revenue.

The year under review also saw the Rent Act 1957 coming into operation, with provision for tenants of houses to apply for Certificate of Disrepair, about 20 properties being involved in the last five months of the year.

DRAINAGE:

Number of premises visited	56
Number of tests applied	92
Number of visits made	224

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS:

1. <u>Inspections</u>	No. on register.	Inspect-ions.	No. of written notices	Occupiers prosecuted.
i. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	12	7	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	29	11	5	-
iii. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	12	9	-	-

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS (Cont'd).

2. Cases in which defects were found.

	Found.	Remedied.	Ref to H.M. Insp.	Ref by H.M. Insp.	Prose- cution.
<u>No. of cases in which defects were found:-</u>					
Want of cleanliness (S1)	--	1	-	1	-
Overcrowding (S2)	--	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	--	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)					
(a) inefficient	-	2	-	3	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	1	-	1	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	1	-	1	-
Other offences (not relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-

FOOD INSPECTION:

Details of the animals slaughtered and the results of inspection are shown in the following table:-

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Bullocks	2,955	3,032	2,545	2,919	3,347	3,680
Calves	2,487	2,132	7,392	9,053	10,737	7,109
Sheep	9,868	10,486	12,261	10,746	10,931	10,123
Pigs	715	1,579	4,210	7,234	6,066	5,836
Totals	16,003	17,229	26,408	29,952	31,081	26,748

FOOD INSPECTION (cont'd).

	CATTLE (excluding cows)	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP	PIGS
NUMBER KILLED:	2,806	874	7,109	10,123	5,836
INSPECTED:	2,806	874	7,109	10,123	5,836
All diseases other than Tuberculosis (i) Whole carcass condemned	3	8	32	47	17
(ii) Carcass of which some part or organ was condemned	312	295	40	390	448
% of animals ins- pected affected by disease other than Tuberculosis	11.22	34.66	1.01	4.31	7.96
Tuberculosis only (i) Whole carcass condemned	5	10	4	-	4
(ii) carcass of which some part or organ was condemned	119	142	1	-	139
% of animals inspected affected by Tuberculosis	4.41	17.39	0.07	-	2.45
Number of cases of C. Bovis	1	-	-	-	-

UNSOUND FOODS: During the course of the year, the following foodstuffs have been found to be unfit for human consumption:-

27	Bovine caecases and offals,
35	Calf carcasses and offals,
48	Sheep carcasses and offals,
22	Pig carcasses and offals,
152	Bovine Heads,
127	Pig Heads
2231	Organs and parts,
3173	lbs of Beef
150	lbs of Mutton,
218	lbs of Pork,
64	lbs of Veal,
25	lbs of Rabbit,
8	Hamburgers
28	lbs of Pig Kidney,
14	Chicken Cutlets,
835	Tins of Fruit,
308	Tins of Meat,
134	Tins of Tomatoes,
279	Tins of Milk,
30	Tins of Soup,
22	Tins of Peas,
7	Tins of Cream,
28	Tins of Beans,
201	lbs of Crab meat,
62	Tins of Fish,
1	Tin of Jam,
6	Tins of Coffee,
1	Jar of Pickles,
1	Jar of Onions,
2	Packets of Cereals,
1	Packet of Biscuits,
1	Jelly,
2	Bottles of Squash,
46	lbs of Cooked Mutton,
10	lbs of Cooked Ham,
7 ³ / ₄	lbs of Cooked Pork,
31	Tins of Vegetables,
3	Tins of Rice,
58	lbs of flour,
24	Packets of flour,
184	lbs of Cheese,
15	Packets of cheese,
80	lbs of Sausages,
22	lbs of bacon,
1	Jar of Bovril,
191	lbs of Lentils,
5 ¹ / ₂	Stone of Fish,
32 ¹ / ₂	lbs of Cooked Ox Tongue.

FOOD INSPECTION (cont'd).

General.

810 visits were made during the year to the Public Abattoir for meat inspection,

144 visits were made during the year to other food premises.

HOUSING:

A summary of the work carried out under this heading is as follows:-

Number of council houses constructed	4
Number of private houses constructed	73
Number of houses inspected for defects	198
Number of inspections made	468
Number of informal notices served	72
Number of statutory notices served:-	
(a) under Section 9, Housing Act, 1957.	5
(b) under Section 17, Housing Act 1957.	97
(c) under Public Health Act 1936.	NIL.
Number of dwellings rendered fit	33

RODENT CONTROL:

A member of the manual labour staff of this department has continued to be employed on a part-time basis on this section of work. As in previous years two treatments of the sewerage system of the town were carried out, approximately 35 man-holes being baited and poisoned on each occasion.

In addition 27 premises were treated for rat infestation involving 307 visits.

STAFF.

No changes of staff took place during the year and it is pleasing to report the capable and efficient manner in which Mr McPherson and Mr Ingram carried out their duties.

I would also like to record my thanks to colleagues for their co-operation during the year and to the Chairman and members of the Council for their consideration and support.

I am,
Your obedient servant,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

